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## Background

- 1986 B. Sc. Kyoto University, Faculty of Science  
1988 M.Sc. Kyoto University, Faculty of Science  
1991 Ph.D. Kyoto University, Faculty of Science
- 1990-1992 Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science, Osaka City Univ.  
1992-2003 Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Univ. of Tokyo  
2003-2004 Associate Professor, Research Institute of Bioresources, Okayama Univ.  
2004-2011 Associate Professor, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Univ. of Tokyo  
2011-2017 Associate professor, Biotechnology Research Center, Univ. of Tokyo  
2017-Present Professor, Biotechnology Research Center, Univ. of Tokyo
- 1990 JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC)  
1996 Visiting Scholar, Harvard Univ./ MGH, Supported by Japan-US cooperative Photoconversion and Photosynthesis Research Program  
1999-2000 Visiting Scholar, UCSD, Supported by Monbusho Fellowship program for Japanese Scholars and Researchers to study Abroad by the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Japan  
2001 Visiting Scholar, Harvard Univ./MGH  
2003 Award for Young Scientists by the Japanese Society of Plant Physiologists

## Research

As autotrophs, plants can biosynthesize all biological substances necessary for growth, with atmospheric carbon dioxide and inorganic compounds taken up from soils that include nitrate. We aim to reveal molecular mechanisms that control systems producing biological substances. As transcription factors unique to plants are intimately associated with regulations of the systems, we particularly focus on such transcription factors. We discovered the Dof family that are a group of transcription factors unique to plants and identified the transcription factors that function as master regulators for nitrate response in plants.

## Key papers

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